

Newport Public Library Board Meeting\*  
Wednesday, September 15, 2010

No quorum was reached, so no official board meeting was held. Present members engaged in informal discussion.

**Present:** Carol Ruggieri, Curt Fewkes, Terry Obteshka, Ted Smith

Informal discussion of library issues occurred from 5:25 to 5:45 p.m.

Smith described his proposal that board terms be changed from 4 years to 5 years. Ruggieri asked if that was in accordance with state library guidelines, and Smith replied that it was, so long as only 2 terms were allowed. Obteshka asked why it was a resolution vs. being codified, and Smith noted that made it easier to change.

Smith also discussed a grant application to the Siletz tribe which is due on Friday September 17<sup>th</sup>. Funds will be awarded November 22<sup>nd</sup>, he said.

Smith said he hopes to persuade CRSN to change the formula for calculating membership payments based multiple factors like number of holdings and library open hours, not just circulation. He estimates that might drop Newport's responsibility by 3 or 4%, a significant amount considering the \$300,000 price tag. Fewkes asked if we keep track of outside cards checking items out from Newport. Smith said there were 78,000 circs from outside libraries' cards last year.

A brief discussion ensued about Yachats library. Yachats does not meet certain CRSN membership requirements, because they are an all-volunteer, all donation library.

It was decided to wait to meet again until the regularly scheduled November meeting, rather than rescheduling the September meeting. Fewkes said he will most likely not be present at the November Board Meeting.